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Eleanor Roosevelt Students Make the Grade in AP Tests

by Mary Moien

Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) seniors of the class of 2009 had the highest number of African American students with an Advanced Placement Score of three or higher in selected tests of all public high schools in the United States. The tests that Roosevelt led in were AP biology, AP chemistry and AP American language.

Roosevelt was one of only six schools throughout the country to receive this honor in AP testing and the only one which excelled in multiple subjects.

The College Board has just released the 6th Annual AP Report to the Nation. A not-for-profit membership association, the College Board owns and administers the Advanced Placement (AP) program.

ERHS was featured in the College Board's February 2010 Middle States news article "Exemplary AP Program: Eleanor

Roosevelt High School, Greenbelt, Md."

In its interview with Reginald McNeill, EHRS principal, he attributed the achievement to three factors: giving all students access to its best teachers; their commitment to thoroughly preparing each student; and support from alumni, parents, the community and the district.

In the article, McNeill said he is pleased by the achievement but is not greatly surprised. The school has been expanding its AP offerings and encouraging students to take the exams for several years. The school administered 781 AP Exams to students in the class of 2004 and, of these students, 172 earned a score of three or higher on at least one exam. This grew to 1,520 exams in the class of 2009 and 257 students received a three or better

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A Snowplowing Model – How Does Greenbelt Do It?

by Renauta York

It's a question this reporter has asked herself for 20 years –

How does Greenbelt manage to keep its streets clear during the worst snowstorms?

I posed this question to Kenny Hall, Greenbelt's director of Public Works. He said three inter-connecting factors are at work – the city's continual investment in purchasing and maintaining its heavy equipment, Greenbelt's geography and, most important, a well-trained crew of workers and contractors.

Hall credited the city council for allocating enough funds to purchase and maintain the vehicles needed to plow snow. This equipment consists of four or five trucks – dump trucks, front end loaders and a smaller bobcat loader to clear the sidewalks.

Greenbelt's geography also plays a role. The streets are wider and interconnected, which allows the plows more space to

push the snow in order to make at least one lane drivable.

Hall gave the most praise to the plow drivers, who are highly trained in clearing snow.

Drivers are assigned routes and work 12-hour shifts, with four hours off. Sidewalk crews are assigned 12 to 16 hour shifts as well.

Snow Priorities

The priorities of these workers are the primary roads – Crescent, Ridge, Hanover Parkway and Mandan Road. At Empirian Village, the city is responsible for Cherrywood Lane, Breezewood Lane, Edmonston Road, Springhill Drive and Springhill Lane. (The other roads in Empirian Village are the responsibility of the complex.) Within the University Square area, Westway, Lakeside and Lakecrest are plowed by the city.

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Recreation Champion Hank Irving Retires from City after 38 Years

by Cindy Henneberger

For more than half of Greenbelt's 73 years, Hank Irving has served in its Recreation Department, championing an integral feature of our founders' prime directive, to revolutionize city life by creating an oasis of green as an escape from urban squalor.

On January 8, Greenbelters old and new showed up en masse for Irving's retirement party at Willy K's. Coming from Delaware, Virginia and as far away as Florida, some returned after 15 and 25 years to salute Irving and his accomplishments.

Irving joined the department in 1971 as program and facility superintendent and by 1975 he was its director. That same year under Irving's leadership Greenbelt came home with the gold medal, winning the National Recreation and Park Association's highest recognition for excellence in the nation.

Irving's achievement set the pace for the rest of his tenure. Taking Greenbelt founders' commission to heart, he kept recreation and parks in the forefront of city progress. He led the department in taking on a massive parks and recreation campaign: renovating the swimming pool, constructing the Aquatic and



Hank Irving shares some thoughts with his many colleagues and friends upon retiring.

Fitness Center, building Schrom Hills Park and the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, constructing the Skate Park and developing the Community Center. Irving also pushed for and achieved a therapeutic recreation program and a greater focus on the arts through the hiring of a dedicated arts supervisor, Nicole DeWald.

"I think his legacy is a solid recreation department that has adjusted to the times" said Jim Giese, the city manager, now retired, who had appointed Irving to be director.

"Just look at his facility improvements," said JoAnn Rowe, former recreation assistant at the department and current assis-

tant director of Royal Palm Beach's (Florida) Parks and Recreation Department. "He has taken the facilities way above a municipality of that size."

City founders intended for its recreation and parks to be exceptional: a refuge from the suffocation of urban living. "It's been a cornerstone of Greenbelt to have outstanding recreation programs from the time it was built," said Irving.

Founded in 1937, Greenbelt was the brainchild of Rexford Guy Tugwell, President Roosevelt's Undersecretary of Agriculture. Flocking to cities for jobs as farming collapsed, displaced farmers reached a critical juncture during the Great Depression and Tugwell and Roosevelt came to their aid. They envisioned green cities that retained the best of rural life – open spaces, woodlands and lakes in close proximity to cities where workers could find jobs.

Roosevelt's and Tugwell's efforts were cut short. In 1935, a legal battle ignited against Tugwell and his plans for building "Greenbelt" towns. Then in 1936, the United States District Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia passed down their

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Latest Snow Was Easier To Handle at Just 10 Inches

by James Giese

Greenbelt got through the "blizzard" of Tuesday-Wednesday February 9-10 not much worse than it already was. "It was much easier to handle," Greenbelt City Manager Michael McLaughlin said. "But after all, it was only 10 inches."

That snowfall could easily be pushed. Much of it melted on cleared streets. That needing to be pushed aside did present problems because there was no place to push it with snow already piled along the sides of streets.

As with most other governmental facilities and many businesses, the city offices and recreational facilities were closed on Wednesday and Thursday. Mail delivery during that week was inconsistent and uncertain, with several days missed. Mail and other governmental services were also shut down again this past Monday for President's Day.

Mayor Returns

Mayor Judith Davis returned from a Colorado ski vacation this past weekend. She had kept abreast of what was happening in Greenbelt by use of the internet

and emails and by telephone contact with the city offices.

After getting around the city, she was well satisfied with the accomplishments of city crews. "Our guys did a marvelous job," she said. "They did as well and better than could be expected. They did their best over and over again. I realized that I had left the city in the best of hands. Whether I am here or there, city crews come through well."

Davis reported that she had less snow in Colorado than she found here upon return. She was also impressed by the giant snow blowing equipment there that could take snow piled alongside the road and blow it far off to the side.

McLaughlin thought it would be nice for the city to have such equipment or one of the machines that picks up snow, melts it and dumps it down the storm drain. The infrequency of snowfalls such as this area just experienced makes the purchase of such equipment cost prohibitive.

See **SNOW**, page 12

What Goes On

Monday, February 22

8 p.m., Council Meeting, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Wednesday, February 24

8 p.m., Council Worksession with Empirian Village, Community Center

Thursday, February 25

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Homes Board of Directors Meeting, preceded by GDC Board Meeting, Hamilton Place

Plea from PGCPs To Clear Walks

Dr. William Hite, Superintendent of Schools, released a letter to the community on Monday, February 15 asking residents to help clear the streets and sidewalks for school children so they can return to school as safely as possible. County schools are reopening, but two hours late each day this week.

There are still areas where Greenbelt residents can help assist the students, especially the youngest. The school system is asking parents to walk or drive their children to school and for residents to be mindful of students walking, sometimes in the street and to be patient with school bus drivers who may be stopping to pick up students on snow-narrowed streets.

All school activities, with the exception of athletics, have been cancelled through the week. Meals for students including breakfast and lunch will be available at schools.

Editorial

No Snow Delay for News Review

Perhaps unnoticed beyond the paper in your hands last week, the fact that the February 11 issue was written, edited, produced, printed and delivered was due to extraordinary efforts by several different teams of dedicated volunteers working around the clock – and far beyond the call of duty.

Through the piles of snow left from the first storm and the howling winds and threats of power outages of the second storm, News Review staffers walked in during daylight and dark, shoveled out and ventured onto the hazardous roads to work for hours to ensure the News Review was published on schedule. Not without its light side, Wednesday morning white-out conditions saw the editor arrive to finish the paper by snow plow, having hitched a ride with city workers trying to stay ahead of the storm. It’s a challenge we’ve met for 72 years, through times of war, wild weather and other challenges thrown at us by history.

At the News Review, we’re tied to the electrical grid – to operate computers and other technology tools, send material electronically to our off-site designer who also was caught in the storm and at the printing plant in Sterling, Va. Even when through some miracle all those steps were accomplished, the printed paper had to be transported 60 miles on nearly impassable highways to our distributor, who waded through drifts to bring papers to our carriers. At the end of the chain, the carriers braved snow that for some reached over their heads, to put a paper as close as they could get it to our front doors.

No paper would have been possible – or published anywhere close to the regular deadline – if any stage of that process had fallen to the weather. Because of the exceptional efforts of our all-volunteer staff, the effort did not fail.

Perhaps we could borrow the creed of the U.S. Postal Service: “Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.”

Special kudos to all involved, especially to those who worked all night Tuesday to complete the paper under constant threat of wind-driven power failure and those who struggled through deep snowdrifts to distribute and deliver the news of Greenbelt to the people of our city.

It is natural for John to feel blame – but I hope soon he knows that if he were to be blamed, then what of the neighbor who did nothing after hearing the cab radio earlier?

Again the truth is that nobody is to blame. The neighbors are to be commended for feeling the loss of Mike so deeply and being so concerned. And John and his family are heroes.

From the crowd that day, I learned for the first time a bit about Mike: that he was a hard worker who would often sit in his cab at night waiting for a call.

I’m glad John ended his notes with the positive recommendation to take a CPR class. I hope to do that and re-join my Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Joining CERT is a vehicle for taking first aid classes and for organizing responses to natural disasters such as the two recent storms.

Donald Comis

Thank you

Thank you to John Cooper for having the courage to share such an intimate, personal story (February 11) and to the News Review for printing it. I don’t remember ever reading something like this piece in our paper before.

Colette Zanin

Show the Love

Given our great concern with possible loss of bus service to Greenbelt Town Center, I think that we should seize this “deep snow opportunity” to make the Metrobuses feel more welcome here.

I have shoveled nine of the bus stops (in two cases quickly followed by snow plows which did a better job). Also, unfortunately, I found that a bus stop at Green Ridge House had been overlooked.

Won’t you join me in this effort so that we will soon have all of the bus stops shoveled out? It is not necessary to fully shovel out a bus stop. The situation is improved greatly even if only enough snow and ice are shoveled out so that two to six people can stand safely out of the flow of traffic.

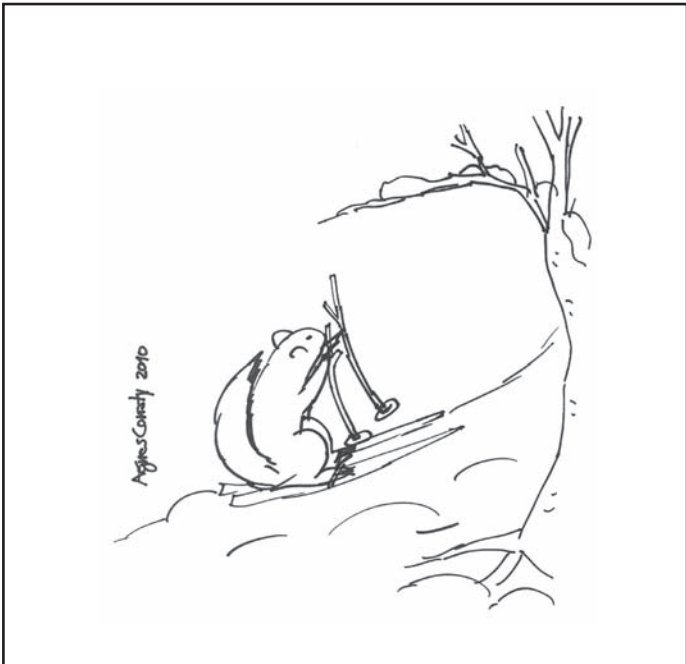
Bill Norwood

Weather in Alberta

I have watched the weather in your area the past few weeks, spoken with my family in southern Prince George’s County and you guys have gotten a lot of snow.

See LETTERS, page 5

Grin Belt



“Looks like this mountain of snow will be here even after the Olympics are over.”

Co-op Celeriac Demo And Sampling Wed.

On Wednesday, February 24 from 4 to 6 p.m. the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy will hold the next in its “Seasonal & Savory” series of free cooking demos and samplings to encourage shoppers to increase consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Celeriac, also known as celery root, will be featured with demonstrations and samples of two simple potato salad-like recipes using this tasty root vegetable. Ideas for wine pairings and additional recipes also will be available.

It is also Patron Appreciation Day so come shop and save five percent on purchases.

Camp Fire-UCAP Job Search Workshops

Camp Fire USA Community Center and UCAP at Empirian Village are offering two workshops on Job Search Job Readiness on Thursday, February 25 and Thursday, March 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The workshops will introduce potential job seekers to creative techniques for job searching.

Those interested should send an email to nwilliams@ucappgc.org or call 301-322-5700, ext. 115. There is no cost for this program.

Letters to the Editor

Heroes among Us

John Cooper is a hero. I walked up on that scene on Saturday, February 6. I was walking down Ridge Road when I heard a siren. Soon I was passed by three police SUVs. Then I noticed a fire truck blocking the road and a body lying in the snow near it.

I saw John’s wife and her sister and they told me they had just unburied someone from his car. I couldn’t comprehend it. I noted the time and it was 2:13 p.m. at that point. They told me John was very upset because he was with the man at first.

A neighbor cried in the street, moaning that she had heard a radio earlier in the car but had done nothing.

I saw the late Mike Jones’ black independent cab and realized it had been covered completely in snow when John and family walked by. I was so proud that they had taken the time to investigate sounds from the car. I’m even more impressed now knowing that John performed CPR.

And I was impressed by how

passionately the EMT on the scene called for help in carrying Mike to the fire truck and by the Greenbelt Police response. They are my heroes as well.

I know from experience that in situations like this we always think of “what we might have done.” Often the truth is very different. The crowd’s estimate when I was there was that Mike could have been in the car since around midnight, judging by the total snow cover on his car. If John found him at about 2 p.m., that could have been 14 hours. Mike may very well have been beyond help by the time John found him.

Had John simply walked on, I may have been next to walk by. John’s actions saved me from any guilt I would have felt had I walked by without noticing.

I had a situation like that once where I stopped but was too in shock to do anything. I comforted myself with the idea that I may have known how hopeless this older scene was. Maybe my “failure” that time would prepare me for the next time.

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Marketing Committee is hosting a

SELLERS’ SEMINAR

Monday – February 22, 2010
7:00 p.m.

GHI Administration Building

If you are thinking about selling your occupancy rights and equity interest, the GHI Marketing Committee will be hosting a Sellers’ Seminar on Monday – February 22 at 7:00 in the GHI Board Room. The seminar is designed to answer some of the most often asked questions about selling a GHI home. You will be able to ask questions to the Committee about the procedures on selling your unit. To register, contact GHI at (301) 474-4161 ext. 146 or e-mail klinkenboker@greenbelthomes.net.

www.greenbelthomes.net or www.ghi.coop

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF FEB. 19

Crazy Heart (R)

Friday
*5, 7:30, 9:45

Saturday
*2:30, *5, 7:30, 9:45

Sunday
*2:30, *5, 7:30

Monday-Thursday
*5:15, 7:30

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for February 22 through 26 are:

Monday – Cranberry juice, meatloaf with parsley gravy, whole boiled potatoes, green beans, fresh tangerine.

Tuesday – Split pea soup, baked pork chops with gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, stewed apples.

Wednesday – Grape juice, turkey cutlet with gravy, cornbread dressing, creamed spinach, cherry crisp.

Thursday – Creamy broccoli soup, chili con carne, brown rice, mixed squash, fresh banana.

Friday – Cranberry juice, London broil with mushroom gravy, twice-baked potato, California broccoli mix, field green salad with chickpeas and grape tomatoes, coconut cake (premium meal).

At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, February 23, 1:30 and 2 p.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies for each group.

Wednesday, February 24, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months, with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, February 25, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children’s Desk.

GHI Notes

Friday, February 19, Offices Closed (Emergency maintenance available: call 301-474-6011)

Monday, February 22, 7 p.m., Communications Committee – GHI Lobby

7 p.m., Sellers Seminar – Board Room

7 p.m., Website Work Group – GHI Library

Tuesday, February 23, 8:30 a.m., Ad-Hoc Yard Line Committee – GHI Library

Wednesday, February 24, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee – GHI Lobby

Thursday February 25, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting – Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10am – 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

6905 Greenbelt Road
Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald
The Golden Age Club has had to cancel the last two meetings because of storms. But you can’t fight Mother Nature, so we have to go with the flow or, in this case, the snow. We’ve had a great opportunity to meet our neighbors and help each other so it’s not all bad.

Tom Moran will be the speaker at our February 24 meeting. He will inform us of changes in income taxes and answer questions. AARP provides a free tax preparation service. This year it will be at the American Legion on Greenbelt Road on Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call GIVES at 301-507-6580 to make an appointment.

We were saddened by the death of Dorothy Wilhelm and extend our condolences and prayers to her family.

Be extra careful when walking outside and keep thinking the sun will come out and spring will be here. Our city has done a wonderful job clearing streets and walks but there are still icy spots.

New Deal Café Upcoming Events

On Thursday, February 18 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft brightens wintry afternoons with mid-day melodies. Mary Edwards will host the weekly open microphone session from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Friday, February 19 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Greenbelt piano man John Guernsey gets the weekend off to a rousing start with jazz and blues (every Friday and Saturday), followed from 8 to 11 p.m. by “Woven Green” contemporary folk.

Saturday, February 20 brings fingerstyle guitar by Steve Pollack from 1 to 2:45 p.m., then classical guitarist Bruce Krit from 4 to 6 and Buck Hill with jazz Saturday night from 8 to 11 p.m.

Sunday, February 21 starts with the Not 2 Cool Jazz Trio during brunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. After jazz, it’s Kids’ Open Microphone from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Then the Jelly Roll Mortals, an acoustic/pop/rock group, are the Sunday evening centerpiece from 5 to 8 p.m.

Next Week
Tuesday, February 23, Steve Haug sings ballads and Celtic drinking songs from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, February 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. will feature The Nice Trys’ version of “absurdist honky tonk.”

Café Hosts Kids’ Open Microphone

There will be a Kids’ Open Microphone session at the New Deal Café this Sunday, February 21 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The program takes place on the third Sunday of the month.

Children age 17 and under are invited to perform, playing a musical instrument, singing, dancing, reciting a poem, etc.

For more information call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or email annegrdr@yahoo.com.



Candace Jones, 14, of Lanham sings at the January Kids’ Microphone session.

Doug Love to Discuss Jupiter’s Weather

On Thursday, February 25 the Greenbelt Astronomical Society will hold a discussion of the weather on Jupiter at 7:30 p.m. at the H.B. Owens Science Center. The speaker will be Greenbelter Doug Love, founder of the Astronomical Society, whose presentation will combine his love of the cosmos with his knowledge of meteorology.

Love has held every position in the Astronomical Society and currently serves as chair of the Observatory Committee. An amateur astronomer from an early age, he has also done graduate work in meteorology at the University of Maryland.

The H.B. Owens Science Center is at 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham (across the street from Goddard Space Flight Center). There is no charge and all are welcome. If Prince George’s County Public Schools are closed that day, the event will be rescheduled.

More Community Events
see pages 2 and 11.

Mark Twain’s *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court*

With a pre-show Musical Cabaret directed by Anne and Jon Gardner

Sat. February 20 - Sat. March 6
Friday and Saturday Evenings
Sunday Matinees

Music and Drama Club * Goddard Space Flight Center
~ Greenbelt’s Community Theater at Goddard ~

Tickets \$20 includes light Hors d’oeuvres, Beer, Wine, Soda, Coffee/Tea
Performances at the Goddard Barney and Bea Recreation Center
Intersection of Good Luck Road and Soil Conservation Road

(240) 475-8800 ~ <http://www.madtheater.org>

Greenbelt Nursery School Open House

Registration for Fall 2010
Saturday, February 20, 10 am – 1 pm

Classes for children ages 2, 3, and 4
Two, three, and five days a week. Low child to staff ratio.
Full day educational programs available.

Greenbelt Community Center 15 Crescent Road
301-474-5570 www.greenbeltnurseryschool.org

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Greenbelt Arts Center

Postponed Shows moved to THIS WEEKEND ONLY

Planes, Trains & Automobiles

From Thunderous Productions

Friday, Feburary 19 & Saturday, February 20 at 8:00 PM

Tickets are \$15 general admission, and \$12 for seniors and students.

COMING SOON:
Greenbelt Voices - February 26 – 27, 2010. From Transition Theater

Call for Reservations and show updates due to weather at 301.441.8770

Astronomical Star Party this Weekend

On Saturday, February 20 the Astronomical Society will hold a star party at Northway Field. Members of the society will begin to set up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 6:30 p.m. and stay at the site until about 8 p.m.

Bring a new telescope and members will help set it up.

In the event of rain, cloudy skies or if access is blocked by snow the event will be cancelled without notice.

For information visit www.greenbeltastro.org/events/shtml.

Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall
Center Court
301-220-1155

ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.
Adults/Seniors: \$6.50
Children: \$6.00

ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON
ON SATURDAY \$5.00

ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.
Adults: \$8.50
Students/Military: \$7.50
Children: \$6.00
Seniors: \$6.50

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Week of FEB. 19

FRI. – SAT.
Alvin & the Chipmunks “The Squeakquel,” PG-13
11:50, 2:10
Wolfman, R (!)
11:50, 2:30, 4:20, 5:10, 7:10, 7:40, 9:50, 10:30
The Tooth Fairy, PG
11:30, 2, 4:30
From Paris With Love, R
7:10, 9:50
Hurt Locker, R (!)
11:45, 3, 6:45, 10
Shutter Island, R (!)
11:45, 3, 6:45, 10
Blood Done Sign My Name, PG-13 (!)
11:25, 2:10, 4:55, 7:40, 10:30
The Lightning Thief, PG (!)
11:15, 2, 4:50, 7:40, 10:25
Valentines Day, PG-13
11:15, 2, 4:50, 7:40, 10:25

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Shutter Island, R (!)
12:15, 3:30, 6:45
Blood Done Sign My Name, PG-13 (!)
12:45, 4, 7
The Lightning Thief, PG
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Valentines Day, PG-13 (!)
12:45, 4, 7

Obituaries

Alma C. Marsden

Alma Catharine Marsden, 72, died of cancer on Saturday, February 13, 2010.



Born on July 18, 1937, in Washington, D.C., where she lived as a child, she spent her teenage years in Hyattsville. In 1968 she moved to Greenbelt where her parents were living.

She attended St. Jerome's Elementary School, Saint Patrick's Academy in Washington and Northwestern High School in Hyattsville. She later received a B.S. degree in early childhood education from the University of Maryland. She also completed some graduate studies at Trinity College and Prince George's Community College.

Ms. Marsden became a nun with the Sisters of Our Lady of Providence and remained with them for seven years in Rhode Island until 1968.

She worked at the Calverton YMCA for over 15 years as a child care provider and director until her retirement in 2006. The children she worked with through her career ranged from 2 to 5 years old. She also worked in the premature infant unit at Providence Hospital, the Goddard Child Development Center, Saint Bernard's School and the Silver Spring YMCA.

In Greenbelt she served on several committees in Greenbelt Homes, Inc. and St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church. She was a member of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club.

Her interests included bringing wildlife, gardening and crafts into the classroom for "hands-on" experiences with the children. She was patient and kind; and children always came first.

She is survived by brothers Joseph Marsden and his wife Sylvia, Michael Marsden and his wife Jean, Fred Marsden and sister Barbara Fisher and her husband Ralph; and 12 nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass is being held today at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in her name to the American Cancer Society.

In Memoriam – Mike Jones

Along with the Greenbelt community, I felt great sadness with the passing of Mike Jones. When it came to being a truly decent human being, Mike Jones was the real deal.

It's fair to say I've known Mike my entire life. Our family was the first to move in to a dirt path called Northway. The Joneses were the second family and our families were very close. As we grew up together, Mike was always kind and helpful with a completely unpretentious manner. He defined a sense of "Community" that became integral to Greenbelt itself. I remember Mike being thrilled about taking one second off his time as he swam at a Greenbelt

swim team race and then move on to become the official swim team scribe. I remember our days at the Boy Scout Troop 746 Summer Camp, where Mike may have, or may not have, earned the nickname "Turtle." He then went on to help support other members of that troop.

Years later, whenever I needed a ride to the airport, Mike was always available and would arrive early to wait for me. There was never anything superficial with Mike. What you saw was what he was.

For anyone willing to pay attention, Mike Jones was role model for living an honorable life. He was the real deal and will be missed.

– Bernard H. Penney, Pittsboro, N.C.

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Our sympathy to News Review news editor Elaine Skolnik on the death of her son-in-law Mitchell Goldman in New York on February 16, 2010.

Condolences to the family and friends of longtime Greenbelter Alma Marsden, who died February 13, 2010, at the age of 72.

Our sympathy to the Baluch family on the death of Michelle ("Mike") Baluch, age 61, on February 13, 2010, in Shepherdstown, W.Va. Michelle was the wife of 37 years of Stephen Baluch of Shepherdstown, daughter-in-law

of Greenbelters Fred and Dorothy Baluch, sister-in-law of Rob and John Baluch. She was a teacher and librarian who at the time of her death was the much-loved children's librarian at the Shepherdstown Public Library.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Dorothy Wilhelm on February 4, 2010.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

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Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

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My husband measured an undisturbed area here in our yard and over the course of four months here in Hawk Hills, Alberta Canada we have gotten a total of 20 inches of snow. Now mind you our snow is powdery and we get it a half inch or less at a time – so while you were busy digging out last week and this week, we are awaiting spring. It isn’t due to arrive yet here in Alberta but the sun is shining more hours per day. Hurray and we are staying busy.

We moved from our first location in Alberta (North Star) 30 miles north to Hawk Hills (nope, you will not find it on the map) – just look for Manning, Alberta, and go 30 miles north on Highway 35, turn right onto Secondary 692, go about five miles east – cross the railroad tracks then turn left onto Range Road 220. We are the second left from the intersection. You can’t miss us, we are right by the grain elevator.

So if you are ever up in our neck of the woods don’t hesitate to drop by.

Suffice it to say while I miss my friends and neighbors there in Greenbelt I surely have not missed the snow you have been getting. I well remember shoveling 100 feet to the parking lot for 23 years. It was time to turn the shovel over to the new owner of my townhouse on Plateau Place. I do fondly remember the times we would enjoy in the 6 Court as we shoveled out our cars and helped one another – no car goes uncleaned must have been our motto.

Our days are spent attracting more birds to our yard, counting the deer that travel through the yard and now educating our puppy, Liz, on the boundaries of the property.

I love to watch the ads for the Co-op and recently found a co-op grocery south of us in Peace River, Alberta. They even have many of the same brands I used to purchase in the states.

I will be returning sometime this spring or early summer to retrieve the rest of my furniture and “stuff” from storage to make the final move to Alberta. And yes, I will be stopping in Greenbelt.

Hope to see many of you!

Patty (McLeod) Tupper

School Boundaries Hearing Rescheduled

Phase III Community Forum on School Boundaries originally scheduled for Tuesday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Parkdale High School has been rescheduled for February 24 at the same time and location.

College Workshop In Spanish Saturday

The Prince George’s County Board of Education, Prince George’s County Public Schools Office of Professional School Counseling will hold a free college workshop in Spanish. “Estudio Universitarios a su Alcance, A College Education Is Within Your Reach” has been rescheduled for this Saturday, February 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the University of Maryland Adele H. Stamp Student Union in College Park. The workshop is for Latino students and their families.

More information is available and can be found on the school system website at www.pgcps.org




View from Crescent

I’m so glad the storm is over and only one small tree is left leaning over in our common area. I’m also glad Crescent Road was plowed every day and the Co-op was open. There was a beautiful view of the snow from my home at 4 Crescent Road.

Marjorie Gray

Spring is just one month away!



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

Thursday, February 25, 2010

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM


GDC Key Agenda Items:

- 2010 Balcony Repair Contract

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Yard Line Certification: 6 & 8 Courts Research Road
- Proposed Gardenside Addition, 14X Ridge Road
- Crescent Road Right-of-Way Update
- Request from the Buildings Committee for \$3,000 to Purchase Measuring Instruments
- 2010 Spring & Fall Gutter Cleaning Contract – 1st Reading
- Repairs to 71F Ridge Road
- Engagement of Auditor for 2009 Audit
- Discussion of Community Assets

Regular Board meetings are open to Members
For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 22, 2010 - 8:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Transit Riders United of Greenbelt

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

Minutes of Council Meetings

- *- Work Session, December 8, 2009
- *- Work Session, December 16, 2009
- *- Regular Meeting, January 11, 2010
- Executive Session, January 20, 2010
- *- Work Session, January 20, 2010
- Executive Session, January 25, 2010
- *- Regular Meeting, January 25, 2010
- * - Interviews, February 1, 2010
- * - Interviews, February 3, 2010

Administrative Reports

Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 13, “Personnel,” of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Changing Section 243, “Impasse in Collective Bargaining,” to Extend the Negotiation Timeline to April 1 for Calendar Year 2010

- 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules, 2nd Reading, Adoption

A Resolution to Repeal and Reenact with Amendments Resolution Number 969 to Adopt Revised Standing Rules for the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland -1st Reading

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Design and Installation of Major Mechanical Equipment for the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center from Shapiro and Duncan, Incorporated, of Rockville, Maryland, at a cost not to exceed \$550,000 - 1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mixed Use Zone
- State Legislation
- Plan for Community Development Block Grant Funded Tree Work in Empirian Village
- Renewal of City Liquor Licenses
- Snow Emergency
- Appointments to 75th Anniversary Committee
- * Reappointments to Advisory Groups
- * Resignation from Advisory Group

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 22-26

Monday, February 22, 2010, 8:00 pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Wednesday, February 24, 2010, 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION**, Re: Empirian Village, at the Community Center.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

Vacancies exist on: **Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Board, and the Youth Advisory Committee**


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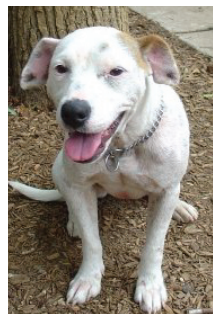
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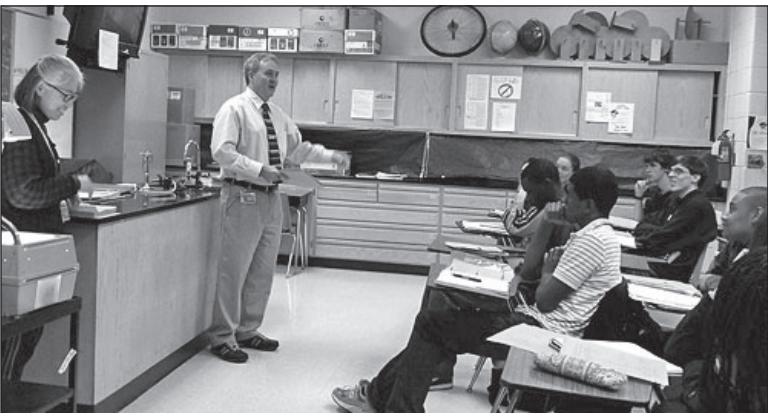


Frosty: Beautiful White and Gray female around 2 years old.

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Eleanor Roosevelt students attentively listen to instructions about Advanced Placement exams. Photo courtesy of College Board.

on at least one exam.”

The article also stated the following:

“The high school divides students into smaller learning communities, such as academies for science and technology, health and human services, and business and law, and through these academies, teens move through a prescribed curriculum that works early to develop strong foundations for AP and honors courses.

“All Roosevelt students also have the opportunity to interact with the school’s strongest teachers,” McNeill said. AP teachers also teach courses that are not advanced or honors level. ‘Our teachers are working with students to make sure they are placed properly in courses and teachers stay here late and come in early to work with students who need extra support,’ he said. ‘We want students to reach and know that they’ll be supported in those efforts.’

Support

“McNeill said support from both the district and from the larger community has also contributed to the school’s success. The school district has provided for important professional development for teachers and special workshops for students. Alumni, too, have had an influence on students at Eleanor Roosevelt. They return to the school and talk about their college experiences and particularly how their AP credits have allowed them to begin college at or near sophomore levels.

“‘It’s a confidence builder,’ said McNeill, ‘to show students they can do this and will be rewarded for that hard work.’”

One quarter of all students in Maryland taking an AP test scored at least three or higher in 2009, the highest percentage of any of the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Three is the minimum score needed to pass the test. Some colleges do not accept AP credit for incoming students, while others require a score of three, four

2010 Baseball Season Umpires are Needed

The Prince George’s County Baseball Umpires Association is seeking people with baseball experience to become umpires for the 2010 baseball season. Leagues for ages 5 to 18 will start in April and run through July. Prospective umpires will receive free expert training in baseball rules and field mechanics beginning February 24.

Those interested in becoming an umpire and earning extra money while having fun are asked to call the Umpires Commissioner at 703-307-5562, TTY 301-446-6802 or email betaque@yahoo.com.

Eight Session Discussion Series on Sustainable Living Starts March 2

Starting on Tuesday, March 2 there will be an eight session biweekly discussion circle on “Choices for Sustainable Living.” The first session, an introductory discussion, will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in Room 103. After that the group will meet every other week in group members’ homes until early June.

Topics covered will include a call to sustainability, ecological principles, cultural pressures to buy, food impact, working in community, business and economy, visions of sustainability and a call to action.

Discussion circles are small, informal, biweekly gatherings where readings on topics basic to participants’ lives are discussed. The readings and discussion questions are assembled by the Northwest Earth Institute from

published books and articles and put into a low-cost workbook. The discussion focus is respectful listening and understanding what others say. Judging, problem-solving and seeking consensus is not the aim; participants hear a range of thoughts and learn viewpoints; and discover and refine their own viewpoints. They are encouraged to choose a self-defined “action item” to help them try out ideas or learn more about

some point of interest.

The sustainable living discussion circle is cosponsored by the Greenbelt Climate Action Network and Simplicity Matters Earth Institute. There is a fee for the discussion guide although loaner guides are available.

RSVPs are encouraged but not required. For more information and to RSVP contact Lore Rosenthal at lore@simplicity-matters.org or 301-345-2234.

GIVE BLOOD

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Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt

Democratic Club Meeting

Friday, February 19, 7:30 p.m.

Greenbriar Community Center Terrace Room

7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt

Our guest will be Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Services Center director Dr. Liz Park, who also serves as Chairperson of Maryland Association of Youth Service Bureaus.

Our social hour follows the regular club meeting.

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ACE Group Holds Meeting With School Principals

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) reported on the January 26 annual meeting with area school principals.

Representing Greenbelt schools were Greenbelt Elementary School Principal Kim Seidel and Vice Principal Denise Bush. Representing Springhill Lake Elementary School were Principal Natasha Jenkins and Vice Principal Nicole Scott. Principal Phyllis Gillens represented Magnolia Elementary School and Principal Kenneth Jones represented Turning Point Academy located in Greenbelt East. St. Hugh’s School was not represented.

At the secondary school level, Principal Judy Austin and Vice Principal John LaPolla represented Greenbelt Middle School and Principal Reginald McNeill represented Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

City Councilmembers Edward Putens, Silke Pope and Emmett Jordan also participated.

Jon Gardner, ACE chair, welcomed the large turnout of principals and vice principals, described ACE goals and passed out forms for schools to submit to apply for a city grant. The remainder of the meeting was a roundtable discussion among the various school representatives.

Challenges

Roosevelt Principal McNeill commented that the school will be losing their Media Aid Assistant (assistant librarian). ACE Committee member Alla Lake said she will advertise for volunteers to fill this role. Assistance is needed primarily over lunch periods from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The boundaries for Roosevelt have now been added to the overall Prince George’s Board of Education boundary discussions. Their idea is to create “clusters” within which individual schools offer different programs, such as Science and Tech, International Baccalaureate and Languages.

Gardner pointed out that the plan does not make sense unless students are allowed to transfer to the school of their choice within a cluster. That issue however has not been mentioned.

An agreement exists between the Greenbelt City Council and the Prince George’s County Board of Education that all Greenbelt residents will be allowed to attend Eleanor Roosevelt. ACE will try to get a copy of this agreement, which is several years old. Council has asked Superintendent of Schools Dr. William R. Hite to plan a community input meeting in the Greenbelt area.

School News

At Springhill Lake Elementary, Principal Jenkins spoke of problems in Empirian Village. Five families with children in the school are homeless because of electrical problems in the building. The city had been told that all families were back in their apartments, so city staff will investigate. It was suggested that Greenbelt CARES’ Grief and Loss program might help some of the school families.

The school had a big Martin Luther King memorial holiday event with 75 people participating by beautifying the school, repairing it and repainting.

Springhill Lake Elementary also received an ACE grant to start a dance program. The school also now has after-school art classes organized through the city’s Recreation Department.

The school has an NBA (never been absent) program in which student winners get ice cream served by the principal.

The school is also working on emphasizing fitness, aerobics and nutrition. They will soon have parent information nights for the Maryland State Assessment tests for which the students are preparing.

The PTA has 50 paid members this year, with seven or eight being very active. The school also raised \$1,000 for Haiti relief.

At Greenbelt Elementary School Principal Seidel said students and staff are having a good year. A new positive behavior program – PBIS – is working well, she said.

PBIS rewards good behavior rather than punishing bad behavior. Students earn points they can spend at the school store. The school is always looking for donations to the school store. The school is also working on getting recycling bins.

Greenbelt Elementary (GES) has a “volunteer coordinator,” Greenbelter David Lange. He finds and organizes about 125 volunteers, mostly tutors. He also arranges for the now-required fingerprinting and background checks for such volunteers.

GES is becoming an Arts Integration School. To assist with that program the PTA has applied for and received more than \$10,000 in grants this year.

Five teachers and the principal participated in Maryland Arts Teachers Institute training last summer and the teachers are now incorporating more arts into the curriculum.

Although not physically in Greenbelt, Magnolia Elementary School is home to many students from Greenbelt East. Magnolia Principal Gillens indicated that this has been a good year for the school.

She described cultural arts activities and field trips, a movie night as a fundraiser and a walk for education. The school still provides space for three buses of homeless children coming from Laurel and the District of Columbia.

The PTO funds programs at Magnolia Elementary. It raises money through spirit wear, which qualifies as the uniform outfits the students like to wear. The school is looking for volunteers to revive the Lego Robotics team and the chess team. A parent or high school volunteer is being sought.

At Turning Point Academy, Principal Jones commented that everything is always new at his school. There has been a big staff turnover at the charter school this year, he said. They now have a music teacher and so may want to participate in the ACE music festival.

Because they have received their renewal as a charter school, they will now offer kindergarten to 8th grade, he said. For this reason they will need more room. Jones described a number of activities including parent weekend and other programs and games.

Faculty Game

One program that works well is the Greenbelt Elementary School – Greenbelt Middle School faculty basketball game. Middle School Principal Austin said they have recently lost their tall men but since Greenbelt Elementary has always fielded women, maybe the game will be closer this year. Austin suggested volleyball instead.

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to “Weekly Report” or http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robberies

February 4, 10:39 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive. A person was approached by two males who produced a handgun and demanded the person’s property. They got it after a struggle and fled on foot. The men are described as black males, one wearing blue jeans, a dark jacket and a baseball hat and the other wearing a white sweater.

February 7, 4:53 p.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane. A person was approached by two men who produced a hammer and demanded money. They fled on foot after getting it. They are described as black males, one 48 years old, 5’9” tall, weighing 150 pounds and the other 20 to 22 years old, 5’9” tall, weighing 130 pounds.

Burglary

February 5, 12:04 a.m., 100 block Westway. Two handguns were taken.

Drug Arrests

February 2, 1:55 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A 21-year-old nonresident male was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, trespassing on private property, trespassing on posted property and resisting arrest. He was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vandalism

February 1, 8:23 a.m., 6900

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

Police Receive SHA Traffic Safety Grant

The Greenbelt Police Department was recently awarded a traffic safety grant through the State Highway Administration. The \$26,600 grant helps police officers conduct more enforcement in the areas of impaired driving, aggressive driving, pedestrian safety, motorcycle enforcement and occupant protection.

block Hanover Parkway. A wooden fence was damaged.

Vehicle Crimes

One vehicle was reported stolen, a silver 1999 Honda Civic with MD tags taken from the 6100 block Breezewood Court.

Five reports of thefts from autos were received. 7400 block Greenbelt Road (GPS unit), 9300 block Edmonston Road (rear MD tag), 7200 Hanover Drive (snow shovel), 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (speaker box, leaf blower and spare tire), Beltway Plaza Mall (two credit cards). There was one attempted theft from an auto in the 9100 block Edmonston Road.

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Greenbelters from near and far came to party with the retiring Director of Recreation Hank Irving.

ruling against Tugwell in Franklin Township v. Tugwell. He could not carry out his master plan but was allowed to complete three towns that were already under construction in the D.C. area, Milwaukee and Cincinnati. When funding ran out in May 1936, Tugwell's hands were tied. He and Roosevelt placed their hope in the towns' residents to carry on the dream.

If the towns neglected their parks and recreation, the green mission of the New Deal would be DOA. Maryland's Greenbelt was determined to carry on their charge, creating the first recreation department in the state of Maryland, building the state's first public swimming pool and maintaining walkways, woodlands and facilities. In the Cooperator (later the News Review) Vol. 1, No. 1 printed on November 24, 1937, residents declared their intention, "The refreshment of body and mind effectively defines the word recreation. To all residents of Greenbelt whether they be six or sixty, there will be many varied recreational facilities at their disposal."

In time, Greenbelt's first generation, like Roosevelt and Tugwell, had to pass on the baton with the hope that the next generation would pick it up. In 1971, that baton and its commission landed smack in the middle of the hands of a young man named Hank Irving, who had just completed his studies at the University of Maryland in recreation and parks administration.

As a former drill sergeant during the Vietnam era and a summer policeman at Ocean City, Irving began his academic studies hoping to work with the FBI or Secret Service. Those plans changed when a fellow student, Harry James, suggested he consider switching to recreation and parks. When Irving asked James why, James answered it would open doors to become a cruise director like those on TV's the "Love Boat." James never made it to the "Love Boat" but did later become an assistant director to Irving in Greenbelt's Recreation

Department.

Irving, however, did make it to the "Love Boat," through his new major. While attending a Maryland Recreation and Park Association meeting at College Park, he met a young co-ed named Maureen "Moe" Woodward, who would later become his wife.

Through the University of Maryland's intern program, in 1971 Irving was assigned to field work in Greenbelt, which felt like a homecoming. He had visited years before to swim in the public pool and participate in other recreation activities, such as the fishing rodeo. "As a young kid, my first exposure was to a place I thought was just the center of the universe," recalled Irving.

Before the year was out, the department offered Irving a full-time job and he moved to Greenbelt, where he eventually settled on Northway with Maureen and raised their twin daughters Christy and Kelly.

Scattered throughout Greenbelt are visual monuments to Irving's commitment. He points to the founders as his inspiration, "That's how it was founded in 1937. Recreation was a very important element in the development of the city that's continued to be the direction over the years."

"He really took the responsibility that he had to heart and recognized how important it is that recreation be there for the people," said Joe McNeal, assistant director of the Recreation Department.

Beverly Palau, Greenbelt's Public Information and Communications Coordinator, recalls seeing Irving not only during work days but on evenings and weekends at events across town, "He just has Greenbelt in his blood," she said.

If Hank confesses to any obsession it's Greenbelt. "I'm a little bit addicted to watching the City Council meetings on Mondays," he admitted. He often spent meeting nights planted in front of his TV watching Greenbelt Access Television. It was a hard call though between council and the "Antiques Road Show,"



Irving at work in 1972.

said Hank, who would check the meeting agenda before making the call. Maureen asked him why he would work for Greenbelt all day and then watch it on TV at night. Hank explained, "the dynamics of those council meetings are always interesting. So it's a show in itself," as he laughed in recollection.

Irving's attentiveness was not restricted to council meetings or recreation facilities. "What always impressed me was how dedicated he was to his staff," said Palau, "He always had your back."

Rowe who was mentored by Irving said, "He taught you how to do things the right way, never short cut, always be prepared for the unexpected because it's going to happen."

Out of appreciation, she traveled from Florida to attend his retirement party.

Rowe was not alone, nearly 200 people showed up to honor Irving's 38 years of service, among them Greenbelt residents, city managers and city councilmembers past and present along with former mayor Gil Weidenfeld and current mayor Judith "J" Davis.

The party's theme was based on the Recreation Department's penchant for the TV show "The Office." Guests were treated to photo CDs with the program's theme song, Office décor and mugs like the show's bearing the phrase "World's Best Boss."

But the mugs are no joke according to McNeal, "It's just really difficult to put into words what he has meant to me and to, I know, a lot of other people in the department because he's just been the world's greatest boss."

Although the mugs said Irving was best, Irving feels Greenbelt is. "There's no place better to live, work or play," said Irving. "I still think that Greenbelt is the center of the universe."



Above, Mayor Judith Davis presents Hank Irving with a Mother and Child statuette, traditionally a coveted honor. Below, City Manager Michael McLaughlin continues the presentations.



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Snow Shoveling For Service-learning

With Maryland’s record-setting snow storms, schools across the state have been closed for more than a week. But instead of staying cooped up in the house, many Maryland students grabbed shovels to help their neighbors dig out.

As a result, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) is encouraging local school systems to allow students to turn “snow aid” into service-learning credits, a high school diploma requirement. Maryland is the first and only state to have a service-learning graduation requirement.

A student interested in possibly earning service-learning credits for helping neighbors should contact their school’s service-learning coordinator once classes resume to see if they are eligible and to find out what procedure they should follow. To make the connection between shoveling snow and service learning, schools can provide instruction on community interdependence, natural disaster recovery, the roles of government during emergencies and how being involved is necessary and vital to recovery.

Garden Club to Meet

The Greenbelt Community Garden Club will hold its first 2010 membership meeting on February 25 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center in Room 103. Agenda items include reports from the treasurer and the water and nominating committees. A garden survey will also be distributed.

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a description of how the award will be used by no later than April 19. The scholarship award, which will be announced in April, can be used for supplies, books, tuition costs, to conduct research including travel expenses or to support a project the recipient has created. A small local exhibition of the recipient’s work will also be arranged by the foundation. A report on the use and effect of the award is required at the end of the year.

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Historic Snows Immobilize City Before Plows Arrive

by Barbara Hopkins

As residents continue to dig out from historic snow levels, disparities in maintenance levels in different areas of Greenbelt have become apparent. City-maintained streets and lots are generally well cleared. Some privately maintained areas, such as Greenbriar and Charlestowne Village, have also been plowed enough that residents are able to come and go freely.

In other complexes, however, patience seems to be thinning faster than snow melts and complaints, understandably, are piling up like snow drifts against a brick wall.

Limited equipment and personnel for snow removal has apparently hampered efforts at some apartment complexes, effectively leaving residents to fend for themselves.

The News Review has received complaints from residents about the lack of cleared parking spaces and the slowness of snow removal efforts in some apartment complexes. There were also complaints that mail service had been curtailed because the carrier could not get to some of the buildings.



This fire truck equipped with chains was ready for action.

Management of two complexes could not be reached for comment before press time.

Melting snow often creates slippery conditions as evening falls, along with temperatures, and moisture refreezes.

As with any big storm, complaints have come in about people taking a cleared parking spot once it had been vacated by the person who cleared it.

William Hite, superintendent of schools, put out a plea on Monday, February 15, asking residents to clear a path for children to follow safely to their school or bus stop. However, officials eventually decided to close county schools on Tuesday because side streets and sidewalks are piled high with snow, creating unsafe conditions for children to walk to and from schools and bus stops. Some side streets have been cleared to one lane only, making bus navigation difficult.

The sheer volume of snow in these storms is unprecedented in this area. No doubt as it continues to melt, new problems will be presented. And there are no guarantees that no more snow will arrive in the forecast for this winter. But take heart, daffodils are sprouting in this reporter’s yard.

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Work Ongoing

McLaughlin and Leslie Riddle, assistant Public Works director, reported that the city and its contractor helper were continuing to push back and remove snow and open up sidewalks. However, there is less overtime work taking place.

McLaughlin also reported that after the city declined to provide city plowing assistance to Empirian Village because of the city’s lack of resources to do so, the apartment complex’s management was referred to the contractor assisting the city with removal. He understood that an arrangement was made for that contractor to help remove snow there and work was being done during the past weekend.

Riddle reported that city tree loss now numbered over 50. Where a hazard, fallen trees had been pushed aside or removed. Others not presenting an immediate problem would be taken care of later.

Davis commented on the extensive damage to trees on private property. She expressed further concern that after the snow melted many homeowners would discover further damage.

Water Main Break

On Monday there was a water main break in the vicinity of Ridge and Gardenway that necessitated turning water off to many homes in that area including Green Ridge House, the city’s apartment housing for senior citizens. The offices of the McCarl Dental Group were affected as well and staff there went home before the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission restored water service. With their offices closed the next two days due to the storm, employees returned on Thursday to discover extensive damage to building and equipment from water flowing from outlets unknowingly left opened.

Complaints

As with any major snowfall, the city and others received many complaints from unhappy residents. McLaughlin said that while a few were received at the city offices, he understood that the Public Works offices had received more.

Davis commented that she was aware that some residents had felt that their areas were slighted by city plows. She urged Greenbelters to take a step back and realize the immensity of the problem



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Young Theo Grantz got some hands-on ski training last week at Roosevelt Center when his father, Christopher, pulled him with a rope up the slight incline going into the parking lot. At the top of the hill, he glided down the hill on his tiny skis.

caused by the record snowfall.

This paper also received an unsigned letter complaining about the snow cleanup. An apartment resident complained about plows opening only a narrow roadway and residents needing to dig out their cars and dig through snow piled up by plows to get out. Another complaint was that there was no place in the parking lots to put snow except in their neighbors cleaned out parking space. Lack of shoveled sidewalks was another complaint. People cleaning out a space, going someplace and returning to find another car in the parking space was another issue. Some tried to save their places by leaving traffic cones, chairs or other objects although legally they had no justification to reserve a public space for themselves.

Another writer complained that Metro had failed to shovel out bicycle racks at the Greenbelt Station.

Snow crews are best able to clean out parking areas once cars are removed. With governmental and many private offices closed because of the snow and lack of

office parking spaces as well as a President’s Day holiday, people were at home and residential lots remained full, hampering cleaning services. With offices and schools reopened as well as snow slowly melting, residential parking lots should empty and snow removal be easier.

Slow Melt

McLaughlin expressed the hope that snow would continue to melt slowly although he would be happy to see temperatures a couple degrees warmer. Officials are concerned that lack of snowmelt will extend the problems resulting from clogged streets and parking areas. On the other hand, too fast a snowmelt can result in flooding conditions, particularly where storm drains are clogged. Another concern is the damage caused by melting snow refreezing and causing damage to property or slippery conditions.

Greenbelt residents as well as area residents have faced many challenges during the past two weeks. More can be expected in coming weeks.

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responsible for plowing out their own courts and lots. Hall had spoken with Empirian Village about the need to hire a contractor to plow them and sent them his contractor’s phone number so they could get in touch with him.

Hall noted crews can clear the streets pretty quickly up to a foot of snow but this storm posed major challenges for the crews: snow was falling over three inches per hour. Drivers were diverted and delayed Saturday to clear 25 to 29 trees on Crescent Road so Pepco could restore power. Equipment broke down while attempting to move heavy snow and ice too difficult

to push. All of these factors delayed plowing efforts.

Hall was concerned about not having enough salt but luckily a delivery arrived Wednesday afternoon.

This reporter, from Minneapolis, has been consistently impressed with how Greenbelt has kept its streets plowed in the worst of circumstances. The city’s funding, coupled with well-trained staff and the geography, has made Greenbelt an anomaly among local jurisdictions – the planning and execution of its snowplowing rival those of cities in snow country. Other localities can learn multiple lessons from its model.



Blowing winds crafted snow sculptures of automobiles. These three were in the parking lot behind the Crescent Road apartments at Southway.



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Finally, all clear at Lakeside North.